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To: Council Chair Ernest Y. Martin
From: Council Vice Chair Ikaika Anderson 
Re: 2016 NACo Annual Legislative Conference

From February 19-24, I attended the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Legislative Conference at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC. The Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC) is an association comprised of all four of Hawaii's county governments- all four of Hawaii's county councils have a representative on the HSAC Executive Committee. I represent Honolulu on HSAC's Executive Committee, and serve as the organization's treasurer, which is a role I began in January. Prior to serving as HSAC Treasurer, I served as the secretary. HSAC, as an organization, is a member of NACo. In addition to my duties as a member of the HSAC Executive Committee, I also serve on the NACo Board of Directors, and in my capacity as a NACo Board member I attended the NACo Board of Directors Forum and NACo Board meeting during the Legislative Conference.

LAW ENFORCEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

I attended the NACo Law Enforcement Subcommittee Meeting to listen to the discussion of law enforcement officer body cameras. Kauai County has recently implemented a policy requiring Kauai Police Department officers to wear body cameras; while the City and County of Honolulu has not adopted such a policy, doing so has been discussed. Law enforcement personnel at the subcommittee offered support of department body camera usage as a means to save officers' careers; it was explained that camera footage has verified officer accounts of events that occurred where the officers' version of said events were challenged. It was also shared that requests are routinely made to make footage taken by officer cameras public, and at times the footage can be treated as public documents- definitely points for any police department pondering the implementation of such a program to consider. While law enforcement officer body cameras are not a means to bring about or to restore public trust, the program is a tool to allow for increased transparency.

OPENING GENERAL SESSION

Dr. France Cordova, Director of the National Science Foundation, outlined the importance of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) education, employment and innovation. The US must be willing to put an emphasis on STEM, backed up with resources and funding, if our country is to be the global leader in this important field.

FOX News Sunday host Christopher Wallace discussed the stalemate in the United States Congress, and gave a thorough analysis of the 2016 US Presidential Election.

Wallace believes that GOP candidate Donald Trump has established himself as both a legitimate candidate and frontrunner in his bid for the GOP nomination. The key for Trump, according to Wallace, is to broaden his appeal; according to Wallace, Trump will need to attract support from a majority of voters rather than a mere plurality as the candidate field withers down in the weeks and months ahead. As a testament to Trump's strength, Wallace noted that the New York businessman enjoys a 2-1 lead in Florida over Florida United States Sen. Marco Rubio. Wallace shared his dismay that most of the sitting and former GOP governors, save Gov. John Kasich of Ohio, have suspended their campaigns. With the current hot topics in Washington dealing with health care, fiscal management and improved state government/federal government relationships and power-sharing between the federal government and state/local governments, Wallace opined that the governors have a much more thorough understanding and willingness to work with the states and the counties on these issues.

LARGE URBAN COUNTY CAUCUS (LUCC) STEERING COMMITTEE

United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Julian Castro shared with the Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) Steering Committee federal Section 8 policy, and his desire to both streamline the program and encourage more landlords to accept the federal vouchers. Castro proposes examining the dollar amount of vouchers to ensure that the formulas utilized to derive benefit amounts result in subsidies that are sufficient to encourage landlords to offer their units to Section 8 clients. Castro also explained to the LUCC Steering Committee that the federal administration is working to cut so-called "red tape" and redundancy to make for improved collaboration between HUD and local housing authorities.

WHAT'S YOUR LEADERSHIP LEGACY SESSION

Dr. Monica Scarmardo emphasized that all elected officials leave a legacy, whether by intention or by accident, over the course of their careers. She suggests that elected officials come to terms with this fact, and work to ensure that their legacies are both deliberate and accurate in portraying the elected official's goals and successes over the course of their tenure. Scarmardo emphasized that effective leaders are willing to meet with people they like and do not like so as to learn the areas in which the leader needs to grow, and where the leader is both strong and weak. Always leave meetings with action items, and be certain to follow up on these items-otherwise, Scarmardo asks, what's the point of holding a meeting in the first place?

Effective leaders are willing to take risks to advance an initiative, policy or project; even if unsuccessful, the leader has the ability to learn from mistakes so as to not repeat them.

A leader's network is key to whether a leader succeeds or fails. Common network errors are having a network that is too formal, too large, or too safe (made up of people who will not be honest with the leader). A successful network is one that supports and challenges the leader, helps the leader gain and broaden their influence, learn new skills and find purpose and balance. A good leader will capitalize on their relationships in an effort to provide gains for the people they're leading.

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: 3-4-2016

Traveler: Ikaika Anderson

Event: 2016 NACo Legislative Conference

Location: Marriott Wardman Park, Washington D.C.

Dates: From February 20, 2016

To February 24, 2016

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee	0	Paid-by-Marisa's-pCard-12/2015
2. Airfare	0	Paid-by-Ikaika's-pCard 10/2015
3. Hotel 1724.40	\$1837.09	Receipt attached
4. Meals 211.28	\$304.39	Receipts attached
5. Ground Transportation	\$156.32 140.55	Receipts attached
6. Tips 68.82	\$30.00	No receipt/see attached explanation
7. Other		
Other		
Other		
8. Adjustment	40.95	
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	2327.85	
	2104.10	

This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment:


Signature of Traveler

3/10/2016
Date